

Village News

in Swindon Village

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Wednesday 2nd

Wednesday Club AGM

Tuesday 15th

Deadline for consultation for the changes to
M5 Junction 10

Wednesday 16th

Swindon Village Society talk,
"The Gloucesters at Waterloo"

Thursday 18th and
Friday 19th

Digibus at the Village Hall

St. Lawrence's Church

Chatterbox



Every Tuesday
10.30am to 12noon



Pop in any time
Coffee/tea and biscuits
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Everyone's welcome, old or new.

(It's free!)

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"If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour do not hesitate to contact the police.

Ring 101 (you may be charged for this call)
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Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it. If the police are not made aware of a problem **THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM**".

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

As we don't have a January Village News, this is my first opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

I'll start with planning matters: The first tranche of the Elms Park development will be the building of 260 houses on the area of land which was Swindon Farm (between Manor Road and the back of Gallagher retail park- planning application (20/00759/FUL).

Just before Christmas the developer submitted 36 revised documents. The Borough Council did not notify us and were expecting comments to be submitted by the 12th of January. We complained about this. The Borough Council apologised and extended the consultation period to the 27th of January, which allowed an opportunity to review the material. Our comments will be available on our website.

The Borough Council have granted planning permission for the Manor Farm development (planning application 20/00749/FUL). This will result in a further 5 houses being built.

The consultation regarding the proposals for the changes to M5 Junction 10 closes on 15th February. Take a look, have your say. Details are on our website.

We continue to press for a footpath along the front of the gym in Wymans lane. This will make passage from Swindon Lane to the Village and, in particular, the school, easier and safer. The latest is that a high voltage underground cable needs to be moved deeper in the ground. Western Power will undertake this work.

The Parish Council has set its budget for 2022-2023. At its January meeting, members resolved not to increase the precept. The number of households paying council tax in the parish has increased. This will result in a decrease in that part of the council tax attributable to the Parish Council. Of course, what we take is dwarfed by the money needed by the County and Borough Councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Two local retailers (Sainsbury's and Tesco) have introduced recycling of plastic film materials (e.g. bread wrappers). The Parish Council would like to see improvement in the current facilities and will also do all that it can to encourage other retailers to make similar provision.

You will recall that the Parish Council was trying to restore the war memorial prior to the remembrance day. Sadly, by the time the necessary permissions had been received, it was too late. The work is now scheduled for the week commencing 28th March 2022. This will be just prior to the 102nd anniversary of the dedication of the memorial on 13th April 1920.

The Village Hall leases the car park area from the Borough Council for £250 per year. Like all landlords, the Borough Council wants to squeeze as much money as it can from its assets, and proposed a rent increase to an eye watering £2500 per year. As an alternative the Village Hall is being offered the option of buying the freehold of the land for £120,000. As a “not for profit” charitable organisation these figures are way beyond what the Village Hall could afford. We are entering into negotiations with the Borough Council and hope to reach a mutually agreeable financial settlement.

Karren and Katie Parsons have completed their probationary first year as editors of the Village News. Good news, ladies. You can keep the job! We are grateful to them for continuing to provide us with information and entertainment. Karen and Hugh Evans have organised the distribution of the magazine for many years and continue to do so. One of our wonderful delivery people has decided to stand down. They have been doing it for so long that even Karen can't tell their length of service. Thank you to you all.

The paper version of the Village News remains a popular resource for people. Long may it continue, but you can still get on board with the digital revolution. I have previously mentioned the DigiBus initiative.



A double decker bus stuffed with IT equipment will be touring the county offering training and advice. The bus will be at Swindon Village Hall on 18th and 19th February. If all these references to websites and the cloud make no sense to you, you can book a free 1-1 session with one of their trainers or take part in free workshops. In fact they offer so much more. Internet security, help with mobile devices, managing money online, the

list goes on.

If you can manage websites, theirs is <https://yourdigibus.com/>.

If that is currently a step too far, ring them on 07878 250 111 and they will help you. The line is open Monday to Thursday between 9 am and 12 noon.

There are a number of road grit bins in the parish. The grit (or salt; I'm never sure) is for use on public roads and footways. Please don't take it for personal use and deprive others of the opportunity to travel safely.

The hedge along Swindon Lane continues to be a source of controversy. The hedge now encroaches into the road to the point where the width of the highway is significantly (and dangerously) reduced. The landowner has been served notice that if the hedge is not cut back the County Council will do it and send him the bill.

Cheltenham Zero is an interesting organisation. The Borough Council, the Parish Council and many other public organisations and businesses are members, with the common goal of reducing carbon emissions. Cheltenham Zero is conducting a survey of attitudes to cycling in the local area. It asks about the reasons why you do or don't cycle. It is quick to complete and anonymous. If you are reading the paper copy you will have to type this into your browser.

<https://cheltenhamzero.org/en-GB/projects/walking-and-cycling-survey>

If you are reading this online you can simply click on the link! And if you've been on the Digibus and paying attention you will know exactly what this means.

One of our readers advised me that he was walking home next to the brook and had the felicity of seeing an otter in the wild. Their eyes met, and then, with a flick of his tail, he was gone. The otter of course, not the reader.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Waste not, recycle more

A few years ago our family embarked on a challenge to reduce our landfill waste. To achieve this, we started at the top and tried to reduce the packaging we brought into the house – reused what we could and we recycled as much as possible. Before we started this challenge, we thought we were pretty good at recycling, but it forced us to learn more about what recycling streams are available to us here in Cheltenham. And lately this has been a topic of conversation on the Parish Council, so I have volunteered to share my hard-won recycling knowledge with you all! Why not make 2022 the year we send less to landfill?

So here's what you can recycle, and where! Note wherever you recycle items, they should be clean (rinsed) and squashed where possible.

Kerbside:

YES:

- plastic bottles, tubs, trays,
- metal tins, cans and aerosols, foil (collected into a ball about tennis-ball size)
- paper, card, cardboard
- glass
- food waste
- garden waste (extra subscription needed)

NO:

- laminated foil (e.g. cat food or coffee pouches)
- any mixed materials (watch out for paper coated in plastic or wax for example)
- crisp packets or chocolate wrappers
- broken glass
- wet cardboard and paper is also not recyclable!

You can also place the following items, grouped into bags, into or on top of your kerbside boxes for collection:

- household batteries,
- small electrical appliances (anything with a plug, batteries, rechargeable batteries or with a symbol of a crossed out wheelie bin)
- clothes and textiles.

Cheltenham Borough Council has also started collecting coffee pods for recycling – you need to register for special pouches to put them in at <https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/podback>

Supermarket

Sainsbury's, Tesco, Coop and other supermarkets have all started collecting plastic packaging that is generally not collected at the kerbside. This is a list of what Sainsbury's collect – there is a rather small bin in the lobby between the second set of doors that is often full – but it's good to take a bag of recycling on your weekly visit!

- Dry food flexible plastics – bread, cereal, rice and dry food bags, confectionary, biscuit and cake wrappers, crisps and snack packets
- Other food flexible plastic – cheese wrap, peelable film lids and frozen food bags, fruit / veg bags, salad bags, multipack wrap, clingfilm and bottle sleeves
- Pouches and sachets – coffee, confectionary, homecare, sauce / baby food / petfood pouches, toiletries refill pouches, packets and sachets
- Non-food flexible plastic – carrier bags, clothing bags, magazine and newspaper wraps, toilet / kitchen roll wrap

Recycling bank at Sainsbury's (car park)

- Glass
- Paper
- Cans
- Textiles and shoes
- Card
- Mixed plastics
- Books and videos
- Tetrapak cartons e.g. juice / plant milks etc

If the banks are full please do not leave any waste!

For more information and tips on where to recycle and reduce waste, check the pages on the Borough Council website.

Thanks and happy recycling!

Lisa Whitaker
Parish Councillor



Introducing Callie Parsons

Along with the many other events taking place this month, the Parsons will also celebrate the “gotcha day” of our cat Callie. This day celebrates the one year anniversary of her adoption into our family.

We adopted Callie from Cats Protection Stroud. She had previously been in an unfortunate housing situation, which had left her fearful of humans, especially men. She is nine years old, doesn't have any teeth, and has half an ear on one side due to a previous scrap. We were told that she would likely be a very aloof cat, wanting her own space and she probably wouldn't be too fussed about us.

How wrong they were!

Not only have we gained a cat, but a shadow too! She follows me around the house; sits on the sofa while we watch TV in the evening and even sleeps on my bed (sometimes on me) at night. Although nervous at the start, she has settled in and is now a full part of the family.



In the manner of any true cat-lady, you cannot stop me from showing you pictures of her

Katie

Look out for another of our fabulous entries to the photography competition from Mervin Mainwaring later.



Sensing the Passion

As I write, Lent is once again making its approach, and by the time this is read, it's likely to be here. Many of us have a strong sense or feeling about a time of hour, day, week, month or even year. I've often wondered what it means when we either say to ourselves or hear someone say, "It feels like a Friday today?"

Whether it makes sense or not, clearly days do have a particular feel to them and perhaps the period of Lent, for Christians, takes on board a certain feeling too.

Sensing the passion at this time of year is as much to do with being mindful of the season, as it is to do with knowing the story and what happens next. So, is it possible for us to sense Good Friday as well as any other Friday, for example? I think we can.

Once we allow ourselves to recognise a dual understanding of the passion, that is to say see it from the perspective of Jesus and then as one of those who were witness to it, maybe we can get a more rounded picture about what it all really means.

Being asked to prepare ourselves during Lent is also about sensing with our whole being, something that was, and has been spectacularly accomplished by God. Making that journey with Jesus during his passion in Lententide can bring us closer to understanding what it may mean when we say we 'sense' or 'feel' something.

Jesus brings to his passion something of God, the mind of God, and our understanding of it through human sense. While the passion does happen to God, it is done seen and felt with the same senses that we have; thus, making us one through the experience of the incarnation.

Maybe when we have that familiar feeling that spring is in the air, we also sense something of the power of new birth and that a new day has dawned through the power of the resurrection itself.

A Blessed Lententide, Rev George.

St. Lawrence's Church Swindon Village

Services

1st Sunday of the month:

10.30am Together @ Ten Thirty all-age worship

6.30pm Holy Communion

All other Sundays:

9.15am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday:

10.00am to 12noon Church open for private prayer

(Services are subject to change at short notice; contact the Churchwardens if you want to check.)

St. Lawrence's churchyard

It has been becoming more and more difficult to find space for new graves in St. Lawrence's churchyard, and in light of this the Parochial Church Council has taken the decision to apply for closure. The official notice is elsewhere in this magazine.

Burial of further coffins and ashes in existing family graves can still go ahead, subject to the usual conditions, and grave spaces already reserved by faculty will not be affected.

Interment of ashes will still be available in the memorials area near the church gate.

Hugh Evans and May Shurmer
Churchwardens

From the registers



Baptism

We welcomed in to the family of the church

Dahlia Clair Ivy Banyard 5th December

Toby Alan Hooper-Hall 16th January



Funeral

We gave thanks for the life of

Angela Alexandra Simonet 1st December

Burial of ashes

We commemorated the lives of

Angela Alexandra Simonet 3rd December

Brenda Mary Prosser 17th January

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings

If you would like to enquire about baptism (also called christening) or would like to book a wedding in St Lawrence's church, please contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

You can contact the clergy by email:

Revd. George Davis (Team Vicar) fr.georgedavis@hotmail.com

Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector) nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk
or via the office.

Quiz #11

Hello all and a (belated) happy new year!

As we are now in February, the second month of the year, this quiz is all about things that come second. (First the worst, second the best?)

Answers on page **22**

1. Which famous song by The Kinks, nicknamed their “lovesong for London” was beaten to the number 1 spot in 1962 by The Tremeloes “Silence is Golden”?
2. In the historical Roman calendar, what was the original second month of the year? (Hint- its modern day equivalent has 30 days)
3. Which group of daring youngsters went “adventuring again” in the second of their series of books, released in 1943?
4. After the release of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves” in 1937, what was the name of the second animated feature film, loosely based on an Italian children’s novel, released by Walt Disney?
5. Who is the second longest-serving prime minister of the UK? He was known for the tender age at which he took up politics.
6. What is the second largest planet in the Solar System? It is named after the Roman god of agriculture.
7. Which actor was the second man to play James Bond? He played the famous spy only once, opposite Diana Rigg.
8. Which iconic British rock band has never had a number 1 single? They instead reached number 2 on multiple occasions in the 1960s, including with their most famous song which starts “People try to put us down”.
9. Who was the second child of Henry VIII?
10. Which county, home to the football team nicknamed “The Imps” is the second largest in England?

Closure of St Lawrence Church Churchyard, Swindon Village, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for Justice, acting on an application by the incumbent and churchwardens, to apply to the Privy Council for an Order requiring the discontinuance of burials in the above churchyard.

Provision would be made for the following exceptions:-

- a. in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;
- b. in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and
- c. in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Any representations about the proposed closure should be sent to the Coroners and Burials Team, Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ or by email to coroners@justice.gov.uk (quoting reference CC/JAN22/026) within 21 days of this publication.

Tell me you miss me.

Lay me down in my wooden cradle,
Cosy my body beneath the layers.
Warm my frozen limbs and extremities,
Wet my dry forehead with your drops of salty comfort

Ask me questions I can't answer,
Hold me close to your beating heart.
Care for me as if I knew you were there,
Talk to me as if I could hear.

Gift me flowers every Sunday,
Shower me with your kindness.
Tell me about your day's adventures,
Whisper me your soul's secrets.

Tell me you miss me,
Explain why you have visited.
Praise the air around me,
Graze the ground surrounding me.

Remind me how old I am,
Smile at my marking.
You look at me with those eyes,
and I know what you are thinking,

Touch my tender Centre,
Kiss my rough exterior.
Brush my growing mane,
Tidy my busy lodgings.

Love me dearly like I can still love you,
Hold me so near as if I can feel your presence.
Look at me so genuinely as if I can look back,
Tell me you miss me because I miss you.

Emma Wells 30/11/2021

Fingers crossed that this year will be a little more easy to manage than last year- although we did achieve four talks, one nature/history outing and a garden party. What we did do is make membership free last year, which means that although not really on our upper, we do have our hand out this year and would welcome new members with open arms – no, sorry, socially distanced smiles as long as they are bearing legal currency. We are even prepared to accept bitcoin if only someone could explain to me what it is... Maybe it is like medieval times, when if you needed a half-penny you just cut a penny in two. You can see that one of the village historians never even got o-level history can't you?

Anyway, this year we do have the start of a programme. Talks are in the Village Hall, 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Walks and visits vary.

February 16th 'The Gloucesters at Waterloo' a talk. I must admit to a personal interest in this because my wife's Great Great Grandfather commanded the 30th Regiment of foot by accident at that fracas. I didn't make the fight because they did not invite the Air Force.

March 16th. Chris Witts will tell us about working on the River Severn. I believe that he worked on the barges.

April 20th 'The Royal Progress through Gloucestershire 1535'. A talk by Alan Pilbeam. When I arrived in the village I was told that Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn had their honeymoon in Swindon Hall. Well they didn't. Pity, the price of my place would rocket if we could say that. However this talk should tell us just how near Henry did get.

May 21st Walk – John Heathcott will take us for a nature walk along Dog Bark Lane. *We will count the birds, normally about twenty varieties and you can learn the name of some flowers. Fingers crossed that it is a bit less muddy by then!*

June 15th A talk on 'The Gloucestershire Way'. Come on a sixty mile walk with Barry Simon. No boots required.

July There should be a Garden Visit. Venue still to be decided because we wait until the annual garden visit programme is out.

August 17th Our annual social get together probably in the garden of No 3 Swindon Hall. This is a member's only event so join early to ensure your glass of warm Cava.

After that there will be talks in September, October and November but we are still working on those.

This year the annual membership is: Single £10, Double or family £20. To join: come to any meeting including the AGM and join. Or, deliver your fee with a note of name, address and e-mail address, if you have one, to Barry Simon, 3 Swindon Hall, Church Road, Swindon Village GL51 9QR. If you deliver by hand and ring and I am in you may even get a cup of tea. The twenty minute talk about the history of the Hall is optional – all you have to do is tell me to shut up.

If you add your e-mail address we will add you to our list and you will get occasional information and reminders.

Barry Simon

Mervin Mainwaring



A Message from the New Swindon Village Hall Chairperson

Happy New Year everyone!

As you may have seen from the last Village News, Ben stepped down as Chairman of the Village Hall at the end of last year, so I have the opportunity and honour to say a few words as the new chairperson for our fantastic village asset.

My name is Jana and lots of you have probably already had dealings with me as the Village Hall Booking Secretary. You may also have seen me helping out behind the Village Hall Bar or on the school run.

Firstly, I would like to thank Ben, on behalf of the Swindon Village Hall team, for his efforts in leading a team of volunteers to make many great and positive changes to the Hall during his time as Chairman. We wish him all the best in his future adventures.

We celebrated the new year with a great New Year's Eve Party in the Hall. A big thanks goes to Helen Ellis and her husband DJ Kev for leading the organisation of the event and getting many of us up on the dancefloor! Further thanks also go to Helen's family who helped with setting up, the Parsons, Jones's and everyone else who assisted behind the bar.

This was another fantastic example of local people volunteering for the benefit and enjoyment of all and we would love to make these community events more regular. The Friday Bar openings continue to be popular to many - old and young, families, couples and individuals. We're hoping to add more to these evenings, with things like quiz nights, darts competitions and more, with food like burgers and pizza on the side. If you have ideas for events on a Friday evening, please get in touch and we would love to help support you organise something for your community.

The Village Hall team is a friendly bunch and more volunteers are always welcome. One of our key aims is to get the community involved wherever possible, remind people that the Hall is a community asset, that we all own a part of it and its success can benefit everyone. We all have a say in its future and the Village Hall team is simply looking after it for you, as best as we can in the time we have. We will welcome anyone who wants to lend us a hand with open arms, so please contact us if you would like to join the team.

We hope 2022 will continue to see the Village Hall go from strength to strength and further our aims to make our community even stronger, bringing more and more of us together.

Take care all
Jana

Wednesday Club

The December meeting of the Wednesday Club was our Christmas Party. We had a lovely supper and were entertained by Karen towards the end of the evening singing Christmas songs. I have to say, one or two of them were so funny we were nearly on the floor laughing. It was a lovely way to end nearly sixty years of Wednesday Club but a little sadness as well. We have had some great speakers and enjoyed many outings and in the past, many dances in the Village Hall as well.

On January 5th, 24 of us went to the Gupshill Manor for our Annual meal. It was a great meal; all the staff were lovely and very helpful. Everyone seemed to enjoy the lunch and we were sorry to leave.

Our AGM is on Wednesday 2nd February at the usual time. This will be our last meeting and we will decide which charities our remaining funds will go to.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Pauline Wright

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival seems such a long time ago but, as this is the first Village News since then, it's the first opportunity to thank everybody who supported it.

The event raised just over a thousand pounds for church funds, a magnificent sum which is greatly appreciated.

We are grateful to everyone who took part and all the visitors who came to see the twenty decorated trees and spend money!

The hampers were won by Derek Harris, Sara Jefferies and Sue Davies. Helen Wells won the caterpillar pencil case and Peter Allen the box of chocolates after tieng for guessing the number of decorations on the tree (152).

Chatterbox won the people's vote for the best tree with their dreamcatchers but, as usual, the variety, imagination and designs were spectacular.

We are sorry that this year's theme, Hopes and Dreams, caused a lot of head-scratching; we promise to choose something more "tangible" (Barry Simon's choice of word) next year and hope you'll join in again.

Thank you, everyone.

Karen Evans, on behalf of the organising group.

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Down to Earth Stroud supports people in growing and harvesting their own fruit and vegetables. Our aim is to increase access to, and availability of fresh, nutritious and healthy food and encourage reconnection with the land. We provide a range of services including gardening and we run several community projects across Gloucestershire.

The Fruit Exchange connects food outlets with people who have surplus fruit or veg. It brings communities together and ensures fresh, locally grown produce is not wasted. As well as reducing food miles, we believe that freshly harvested local food is the tastiest and most nutritious there is. That unwanted fruit and veg becomes a very wanted product which the food outlet can sell

Farmers and gardeners have saved and shared their own seeds for thousands of years, but with the rise of global agribusiness, many delicious heirloom and locally adapted varieties are being lost, and genetic diversity is being eroded. By growing our own seed we can help to turn the tide and make our own communities more resilient. Seed growing can be great fun and deeply satisfying – and anyone can do it. We have an established community seed bank in Stroud and would like to set one up in Cheltenham - last year we ran 3 workshops and distributed 1634 packets of seed!

We have a variety of local, community growing schemes across the county. Each one provides an opportunity for local people to come together, be active outdoors and grow healthy, nutritious food. All schemes are run by a coordinator and a devoted group of volunteers who meet at least weekly. Any produce is shared through harvest time and everyone learns new skills, works together and has fun!

We currently have schemes in: Stroud, Churchdown, Cinderford, Selsey And Vale (Dursley). We would like to set up a scheme around this area, so we would be interested in borrowing or renting any available small areas of land for this purpose.

For further information or enquiries, please contact

01453 700011 or 01242 802550 info@downtoearthstroud.co.uk



Answers to quiz

1. Waterloo Sunset
2. April
3. The Famous Five
4. Pinocchio
5. William Pitt the Younger
6. Saturn
7. George Lazenby
8. The Who
9. Elizabeth I

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